

REMARKS

The Office Action sets forth a restriction requirement under 35 USC §121. Applicant was requested to elect one of three designated groups as noted below:

- I. Claims 1-5, 17-18 and 41-51, drawn to an isolated polypeptide comprising a specific amino acid sequence, classified in class 530, subclass 350.
- II. Claims 6-13, 19-40, 52, drawn to an isolated nucleic acid molecule, classified in class 435, subclass 69.1.
- III. Claims 14-16, 53-56, 62, drawn to an antibody, which specifically binds to a polypeptide, classified in class 530, subclass 389.1.
- IV. Claims 57-59, drawn to a method of inhibiting IL-TIF induced proliferation by using a specific polypeptide *in vitro*, classified in class 424, subclass 7.21.
- V. Claims 60-61, drawn to a method of administering a specific polypeptide, classified in class 424, subclass 84.
- VI. Claim 63, drawn to a method of detecting a cancer by determining the presence or amount of nucleic acid, classified in class 435, subclass 6.
- VII. Claims 64-67, drawn to a transgenic mouse, classified in class 800, subclass 21.

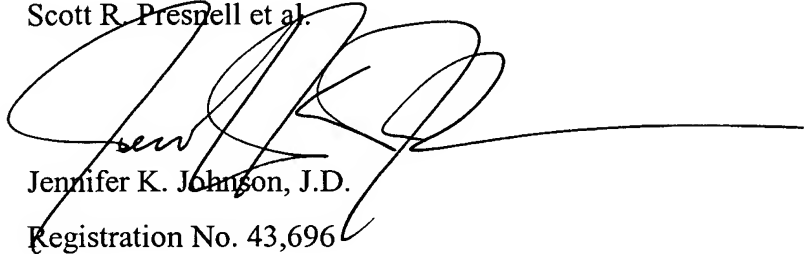
In response to the Requirement for Restriction Election, Applicant elects Group I. Claims 1-5, 17-18 and 41-51, drawn to isolated polypeptides without traverse. Claims 6-16, 19-40 and 52-67 are withdrawn from the case; however, Applicant reserves the right to pursue and prosecute these claims in divisional and continuing applications.

Regarding the election of species, Applicant has been requested to initially select a single disclosed species. In particular, in relation to the claims in Group 1, Applicant is requested to specify a specific polypeptide sequence, either SEQ ID NO:38 or SEQ ID NO:48. Applicant elects the species of SEQ ID NO:48.

Early reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested. If the Patent Examiner believes that a telephone interview would expedite prosecution of this patent application, please call the undersigned at (206) 442-6676.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Enclosures:

Response to Restriction Requirement

Petition and Fee for 1 Month Extension of Time (in duplicate)

Preliminary Amendment

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